

Attorney Docket No. 3038.ALC**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**☒ **Original**☐ **Supplemental**☐ **Substitute**☐ **PCT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**USE OF (HYDROXYALKYL) UREA AND/OR (HYDROXYALKYL) AMIDE FOR MAINTAINING HYDRATION OF
AQUEOUS POLYMER COMPOSITIONS**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)

☐ **Is attached hereto.**

was filed on June 26, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/606,420.



☐ Was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. -- filed on -- and as amended under PCT Article 19 on -- (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified, by checking the box below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Applications			Priority Claimed		Copy Attached	
Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	YES	NO	YES	NO

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below and claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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As a named inventor, I hereby revoke all prior powers and appoint those attorney(s) and/or agent(s) at Customer Number 35157 to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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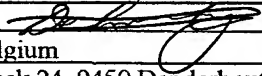
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